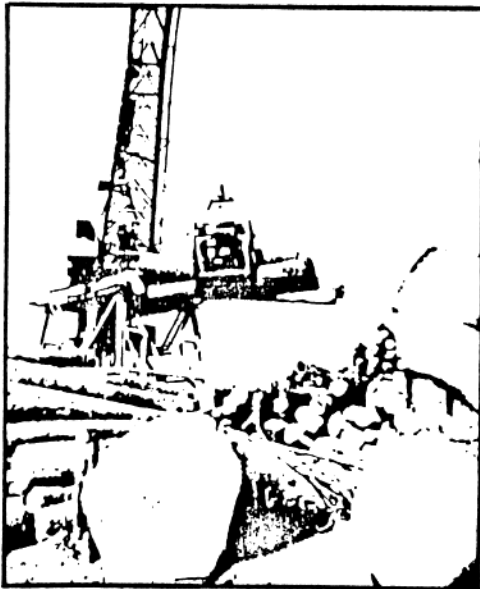


# TIMBER



# REPORT



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SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE

An epidemic has hit the Southern pine forest and is known as the southern pine beetle. So far it has affected between 22,000 and 30,000 acres. Some 4,296 spots (infestations) have been reported and located. 132 million board feet has been affected, with an estimated worth of some \$55 million. There are 11 - 12 parishes considered to be at epidemic levels and some 10 other closely approaching this stage.\*

The timber that has already been affected is still structurally strong but marketing may be difficult due to a depressed timber market. Most experts agree, however that insecticides are almost useless due to their application methods and the proper procedure for elimination is cutting diseased timber along with a buffer zone.

\*All land referred to is non-federal land.

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LOUISIANA TIMBER CUTTINGSSawtimber (Board Feet)    Pulpwood (Cords)

Five Year Average(80-84)	1,256,583,441	4,449,011
1983, Total	1,262,824,854	3,926,905
1984, Total	2,057,398,936	7,279,230
First Quarter, 1985	263,449,076	998,678

MARKET SUMMARY, SECOND QUARTER, 1985

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawtimber during the second quarter of 1985 averaged \$123.72 per thousand board feet. This price is a simple average comparison and is 17 percent lower than the previous quarter price and a 22 percent decrease compared to a year ago. Prices paid for hardwoods during the second quarter of 1985 averaged \$49.71 which is 21 percent lower than the first quarter of 1985 and 14 percent lower than a year ago.

Pulpwood stumpage prices averaged \$17.16 for pine and \$4.51 for hardwoods respectively.

Pulp Chips averaged \$21.33 per ton for pine and \$14.20 for hardwoods F.O.B. Sawmill.

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During the second quarter of 1985, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported. 1/

Specie	SAWLOGS		PULPWOOD	
	MBF 2/	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF
Pine	10,925	115.56	10,283	28.56
Mx.Hdwd.	182	33.50	2,037	4.25

1/ = Does not include salvage and optional sales.

2/ = Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, APRIL-JUNE,  
1985, WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

								<u>STATE AVERAGES</u>	
								Same	
								Previous	Period
								Quarter	Year Ago
(A) <u>Sawtimber, Stumpage</u>		<u>Area 1</u> (Dollars)	<u>Area 2</u> (Dollars)	<u>Area 3</u> (Dollars)	<u>Area 4</u> (Dollars)	<u>Area 5</u> (Dollars)	<u>April-June</u> (Dollars)	<u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	122.46	1/	134.22	1/	1/	123.72	148.84	159.47
Cypress	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	61.00	69.38	75.00	1/
Oaks	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	58.75	61.25	67.00	1/
Gums	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	55.00	51.43	59.00	76.00
Willows	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	37.66	43.60	44.50	1/
Ash	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	68.00	86.43	1/	2/
Cottonwoods	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	39.33	45.60	44.50	1/
Mx. Hardwoods	"	1/	1/	52.26	1/	42.00	49.71	62.84	57.50
(B) <u>Sawtimber, (Delivered)</u>									
Pine	M.Bd.Ft.	1/	1/	191.66	1/	1/	185.63	210.00	228.18
Cypress	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	162.50	170.00	158.75	1/
Oaks	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	148.75	152.86	173.00	1/
Gums	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	145.00	142.86	158.00	168.33
Willows	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	118.33	127.00	141.66	1/
Ash	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	171.25	172.50	1/	2/
Cottonwoods	"	1/	1/	1/	1/	120.00	129.00	141.66	1/
Mx. Hardwoods	"	1/	1/	115.00	183.33	122.50	130.77	130.00	131.00
(C) <u>Pulpwood (Per Cord)</u>									
Pine, Stumpage		15.71	1/	18.32	1/	1/	17.16	17.02	17.75
Pine, F.O.B. Car		1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	47.00	1/	1/
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage		4.06	1/	4.62	1/	1/	4.51	4.46	4.33
Hardwood, Mixed F.O.B. Car		1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	36.00	1/	1/

1/ = Areas having insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but are included in Statewide Average.

NOTE: The Doyle Log Scale is basis for board feed measurement.

POLES, BARKY (FOB PLANT OR CONCENTRATION POINT) - EACH -

PRICES INCLUDE PRODUCTION COST

STATE AVERAGES

	April- June	Previous Quarter	2nd Quarter 1985
30-Ft. Class 5	13.68	14.01	11.83
" Class 6	11.33	11.33	10.44
" Class 7	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
35-Ft. Class 4	<u>1/</u>	20.76	<u>1/</u>
" Class 5	17.95	17.95	16.95
" Class 6	15.28	14.78	14.50
" Class 7	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
40-Ft. Class 2	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
" Class 3	31.66	31.66	28.14
" Class 4	27.31	27.31	23.80
" Class 5	22.86	22.86	21.39
" Class 6	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
45-Ft. Class 2	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
" Class 3	36.77	<u>1/</u>	32.78
" Class 4	31.66	31.66	27.78
" Class 5	27.16	27.16	<u>1/</u>
50-Ft. Class 2	51.76	51.76	<u>1/</u>
" Class 3	44.31	44.31	39.00
" Class 4	37.86	37.86	33.28
55-Ft. Class 2	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	52.06
" Class 3	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	44.98
" Class 4	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
60-Ft. Class 2	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>

1/ = Insufficient number of quotes to report.

Note: DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE  
TO OUR LETTER OF MARCH 4, 1985, THE TIMBER  
REPORT WILL BE CONTINUED.

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the  
timber industry for their cooperation in supplying the information  
that made this summary possible.



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